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Bismarck, ND . . . By legislative action, the North Dakota School for the Deaf (NDSD) will be developing a Future Services Plan to meet the needs of persons who are deaf and hard of hearing who reside in North Dakota. As part of that planning process, a Future Services Plan Transition Team has been appointed by the Department of Public Instruction State Superintendent Wayne Sanstead to develop consensus based recommendations for such services.

The Future Services Plan Transition Team is comprised of NDSD parents, staff, and alumni, legislators, local education, vocational rehabilitation and university personnel plus community members.

The initial Transition Team meeting will be held at the ND Heritage Center, on the Capitol grounds in Bismarck on Thursday, October 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Future meetings will be held monthly at the Comfort Suites, Bismarck, through May, 2010. The public is welcome to attend, and there will be time for public comment prior to the close of each Transition Team meeting.

The primary goal is to develop a plan to provide comprehensive services for all persons who are deaf and hard of hearing in North Dakota.

For information, please refer to the North Dakota School for the Deaf website www.nd.gov/ndsd or contact NDSD Superintendent, Carmen Grove Suminski at csuminsk@nd.gov and 701-665-4410.
